

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 and 13-28 were pending in this application. Claims 1-11 and 13 have been cancelled. Consequently, claims 14-18 and 20-28 will be pending herein after entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 14-18 and 20-28 were allowed. Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Voas et al. ("Predicting how badly "Good" software can behave", IEEE Software 14(4), pages 73-83, 1997), and claims 8-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Voas et al. The art-based grounds of rejection are moot in view of the claim cancellations.

Only allowed claims 14-18 and 20-28 are now pending and should be in condition for issue.

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In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

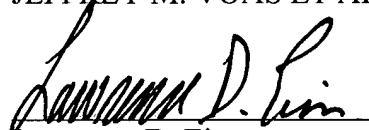
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